

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3535

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to eliminate the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2000

Mr. CUNNINGHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Shark Finning Prohi-

5 bition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to eliminate the wasteful
8 and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning and to re-
9 duce the high mortality levels associated with shark fin-
10 ning in waters of the United States.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON REMOVING SHARK FIN AND DIS-**
2 **CARDING SHARK CARCASS AT SEA.**

3 Section 307 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
4 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1857) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (N) by striking “or” after
7 the semicolon at the end;

8 (2) in subparagraph (O) by striking the period
9 and inserting “; or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(P) to remove any of the fins of a shark,
12 including the tail, and discard the carcass of
13 the shark at sea;”.

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